(c) the reasons for making payment at the enhanced rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The agreement provides forrate of escalation of 0.1 per cent which has not been raised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disconnection of First Class bogey from 'Puri Express' and 'Neelanchal Express' trains

1830. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one first class bogey has been disconnected from Puri Express and Neelanchal Express Trains linking Puri and New Delhi causing serious inconvenience to passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof and by when the former position of these trains are porposed to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) One First class coach was replaced by a II Class coach from November '88 to provide more accommodation to second class passengers. One A.C. 2 tier and one First class coach, presently running on the train provide the required accommodation.

Export of Button Mushrooms.

1831. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the fact that the demand for button mushrooms in North America from ethnic Chinese population and others is being unsatiated due to supply constraints from Taiwan and that the cooperatives in North America are looking towardfis India after the recent success of ambitious programme to beest mushroom cultivation in Himachal Pradesh which accounts for one third of total country's output while the only constraint in exports of button mushrooms has been the disparity between domestic and export prices the former being higher due to increasing domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : There is demand for Mushrooms from North America. Details of export potential due to supply constraints of button mushrooms from Taiwan to North America are not available. Approximately 5000 tonnes of mushrooms of all varieties are produced annually in the country. The total production of mushroom in Himachal Pradesh is approximately 450—550 metric tonne of which 350—500 metric tonne is button mushroom. The domestic price of button mushroom in Himarchal Pradesh is between Rs. 25 to Rs. 34/- per kg. The main constraints in developing the export market of button mushroom are as follows:—

(1) Lack of proper marketing infrastructure especially for highly perishable button mushrooms.

(2) Lack of adequate market information and coordination between exporters and growers with reference to quality and quantity of product required.

(3) High cost of production.

Encroachment on Public Land in Delhi

1832. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increasing encroachment of public purpose lands or Government lands is going on in Delhi and its surrounding areas;

(b) what are the major encroachment cases of last three years and what measures are being taken to remove encroachment and what are the preventive measures suggested; and

(c) the number of persons involved in encroachment and actions taken against them during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) It is reported that there has been some increase in the area of encroachment on public lands in Delhi.

Information is being collected and will be placed before the Sabha.

Charging of Composition Fee by Delhi Development Authority

1833. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of court cases have increased against Delhi Development Authority during the tenure of the present Vice Chairman of Delhi Development Authority; and

(b) in now many cases the Delhi Development Autority has given the extension of time without "issue of Demand Notice" or without taking any undertaking free from the allottees for depositing the composition fee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There has been no abnormal increase in the Court cases during the tenure of the present Vice-Chairman, DDA.

(b) Extension of time is generally given on issue of demand notice and on obtaining an undertaking from the allottees to pay the final rates of composition fee. However, in cases where the allottees themselves deposit composition fee for extension of time or where the composition fee has been waived by the competent authority, there is no need to issue any demand notice. No separate record is maintained of such cases.

Violation of ILO Convention of Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining

1834. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Confederation of Officers Associations of Central Public Sectod Undertaings has submitted a complaint to the Director General, International Labour Odganisation (ILO) in respect of violation of convention 87 (Freedom of Association) and convention 98 (collective bargaining) with regard to the managerial and supervisory staff of the enterprises owned by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Confederation has *inter alia,* alleged that the officers in the public sector undedtakings do not have any effective freedom of association and that any formal association established by them is not given official recognition and accorded any right to collective bargaining. The Industrial Disputes Act does not apply to them. The officers therefor do not have effective remedies including recourse to Industrial Tribunals.

राउरकेला इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत

1835. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राउरकेला इस्पात संयंत्र विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत से संबंधित देश की नीति के मामले में सहयोग नहीं कर रहा है और वह अभी भी अनुत्पादक प्रयोजनों के लिए आयातित पैकिंग सामग्री का प्रयोग कर रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों और आयातित सामग्री से निर्मित पैकिंग सामग्री तथा स्वदेशी